Drive-in for
DOSA
8 AM - 11 AM & 5 PM - 10 PM
HOTEL
SIDDHARTA
NAZARABAD, MYSURU Ph: 2522993

STAR OF MYSORE

OUR EVENING DAILY

Vol. 48 No. 327 Pages: 12 Rs. 3.00
Ph: 2496520 / 21 / 22 / 23
E-mail: voice@starofmysore.com
ad@starofmysore.com

MYSURU Sunday 18th January 2026
City Offices: K.R. Circle Ph: 2431774
Devaraja Urs Road Ph: 2428695
Visit: www.starofmysore.com

Radisson BLU
PLAZA HOTEL MYSORE
EVENT. EXPAND. GRAND.
MEHFIL
FLEXI BANQUETING
Stay. Dine. Celebrate.

Mysuru-Kushalnagar Rly. project

SCRAPPED

Mysuru, Jan. 18 (AG&BCT)- The proposed 87.2-km Mysuru-Belagola-Kushalnagar railway line project has been shelved. This was confirmed to *Star of Mysore* by Mudit Mittal, Divisional Railway Manager (DRM) of South Western Railway (SWR), Mysuru Division. "The railway line has been shelved by the Ministry of Railways due to low traffic potential and poor financial returns," he said.

Mudit Mittal

The project was sanctioned by the Ministry of Railways on Feb. 27, 2019, at an estimated cost of Rs. 1,854.62 crore. In the Union Budget 2022-23, the Centre had allocated Rs. 1,000 crore for the project.

A file photo of survey work.

In October 2020, the Chief Administrative Officer (Construction), SWR, had called for a final location survey for the new broad-gauge line between Mysuru (Belagola) and Kushalnagar.

Subsequently, in August 2021, SWR awarded the tender for the final location survey to a Bengaluru-based firm at a cost of Rs. 1.26 crore. Following this, land acquisition and rail alignment mapping surveys, along with the final land-levelling survey, were completed.

The proposed railway line was to originate from Belagola in Srirangapatna taluk of Mandya district and terminate at Koppa near Kushalnagar in Kodagu district. The alignment was planned to pass through Yelwal, Bilikere, Uddur, Hunsur, Sathegala, Periyapatna and Doddahonnur before reaching Koppa.

The project was originally conceived more than a century ago to extend the line up to Madikeri, but was shelved after an earlier Railway survey found the route to be financially unviable.

Although the project was later revived, it faced stiff opposition from environmentalists, who argued that the rail line would obstruct the natural flow of the River Cauvery.

Woman Officer THREATENED in CM's hometown

Mysuru, Jan. 18 (DM)- Close on the heels of an incident in which a Congress leader threatened the Shidlaghatta City Municipal Council (CMC) woman Commissioner using abusive and foul language, a similar episode has been reported from CM Siddaramaiah's home district of Mysuru.

The incident in Mysuru district is said to have occurred on Dec. 31, 2025, though a video of the episode surfaced on social media only recently and has since gone viral.

Details: The Mysuru District Administration had identified 30 acres of Government land in Survey Nos. 60 and 68 at Gudumadanahalli village in Varuna hobli of Mysuru taluk, under the Varuna Assembly segment, for the construction of a NIMHANS-like hospital.

A video grab of the villager threatening Woman Officer in CM's home district.

(See OFFICER on page 7)

PRASHAD scheme atop Chamundi Hill

Showdown between protesters, District Administration likely

Mysuru, Jan. 18 (BLU&BCT)- Even as the District Administration is set to resume development works atop Chamundi Hill under the Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) with full Police protection from tomorrow (Jan. 19), sections of the public have voiced strong opposition, stating that they will not allow any violation of rules.

The implementation of the PRASHAD project has triggered sharp exchanges between activists and District Administration.

Mysuru Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy stated that the works, which were halted on Friday evening due to public protests, will resume on Jan. 19 under tight Police security. "Under no circumstances will the work be stopped," he asserted.

The place atop Chamundi Hill near the Chamundeshwari Temple that has been dug up for civil works under the PRASHAD scheme.

However, Hindu social activist Lohit Urs stated that protesters had requested documents from the authorities to verify compliance with legal requirements, including land acquisition orders and approvals from the Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage.

"We have asked for documents proving compliance with all legal requirements. We will wait for two days. If work begins without providing the requested records, we will not allow it. We will stage a protest to halt the project," he said.

Several residents living atop Chamundi Hill and members of environmental groups have taken a similar stand and have decided to launch protests against the project.

Meanwhile, Sujendra Kumar of SKS Karkala Infra Pvt. Ltd. assured that the development works would be carried out without harming the traditions of Chamundi Hill or the sanctity of Sri Chamundeshwari Temple.

He cautioned that opposition to project could have long-term consequences. "If some people obstruct the work without understanding the project and the PRASHAD scheme is cancelled, it will be impossible to secure such a project again from the Central Government. For us, it is not an issue. We can take up work elsewhere. But if this project is scrapped, it is the people of Mysuru who will suffer the loss," he said.

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Sunday 18th January 2026

Vidyavardhaka Sangha team

Mysuru, Jan. 18- Vidyavardhaka Sangha has unanimously elected its new Management Committee for a five-year term at the recently held General Body Meeting.

Gundappa Gowda has been re-elected as the President, while B. Shivalingappa, a retired Deputy General Manager of Vysya Bank, has been chosen as the Vice-President.

Srishyla Ramannavar has been elected as Treasurer and P. Vishwanath has been re-elected as Secretary.

Other Management Committee members are: C.S. Chandrashekar, Abdul Jameel, S. Shivalingaiah, M.S.M. Sharma, T. Nagaraj, Tamanna, K.M. Rajashekar and Somashekar.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

TRAINED INTELLECT IS MOST VALUABLE CURRENCY: ***The New Year brings fresh possibilities, new experiences and more ways to enjoy life. But more importantly, it is a time to turn inward. To evolve, renew and transform. It is a time to cherish joyful memories, while letting go of the occasional painful ones. To identify and work on our own flaws, while overlooking imperfections of others.***

Know yourself. Have you wondered why you react the way you do? What lies behind your fears? Why does anger rise so quickly? When you look within, life becomes joyful, not stressful. Your actions are guided by the intellect's wisdom, not by the mind's impulse.

We invest time and money in degrees, skills and courses — all of them valuable. But the highest return comes from investing in yourself. A person with self-knowledge makes wiser decisions, builds deeper relationships and overcomes challenges with ease.

The key to success in life is a strong intellect. One unchecked emotion can undo years of effort. A well-trained intellect is the most valuable currency you can possess. How do you strengthen it? By thinking deeply, questioning honestly and reflecting regularly. Gita offers a built-in framework to develop the intellect. With consistent study and application, it strengthens the inner personality.

All problems stem from lack of intellectual guidance. The world today is driven by instant pleasure. Anything that requires hard work or effort is shunned. For a few seconds of tantalising pleasure, we give up a lifetime of happiness. This is happening at the level of individual, society and nations.

Gita introduces you to your real Self. The mind becomes calm, the intellect gains clarity. And excellence flows effortlessly. You begin to master the world — and ultimately rise beyond it, moving towards Enlightenment. *—Jaya Row in The Times of India*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Animatronic seahorse earns world record

US: Guinness World Records announced the UPS store's nautical-themed float in this year's Rose Parade earned the record for the largest animatronic fish.

The New Year's Day parade float's centrepiece, a massive mechanical seahorse, was confirmed by the record-keeping organisation to measure 28 feet by 10 feet, 1 inch by 12 feet, 3 inches.

The giant seahorse's wire frame and machinery were covered in orange lentils, corn husks, mushrooms, kumquats, orange slices and roses.

The float also won the "Director Award" for design from the Tournament of Roses.

Soccer juggling for 28 hours, 21 minutes!

Sweden: A Swedish soccer enthusiast broke a Guinness World Record when he juggled a ball — using only his knees, chest, head and feet — for 28 hours, 21 minutes and 2 seconds. Daniel Yaakob took on the record for the longest marathon controlling a football (male) at the Rydshallen sports complex in Linköping, Sweden.

Yaakob, who was allowed a 15-minute break every three hours, beat the record set by Briton Dan Magness at 26 hours in June 2010.

Soccer juggling is also sometimes known as kick-ups or keepie-uppies. "I want to inspire others to push their limits, promote consistency and focus, and show how social media can be used to spotlight positive challenges and achievements," Yaakob told Guinness World Records. "This record is the perfect combination of my passion for football, content creation and personal growth."

HEALTH CAPSULE

What should be avoided in Urticaria ?

Avoid known triggers such as certain painkillers, alcohol, excessive heat, tight clothing, and stress. Routine food restriction is not advised unless clearly linked.

By Dr. Ravi S - Consultant – Dermatologist
Manipal Hospitals, Mysuru

manipalhospitals
LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Annual Feast at The Infant Jesus Cathedral to conclude today

Mysuru, Jan. 18- The nine days long Annual Feast celebration of Infant Jesus at the Infant Jesus Cathedral, Hinkal, will conclude this evening.

Fr. Rony Puthenveettil, Rector, Mother Teresa Minor Seminary, Mandya, celebrated the Holy Mass and Novena last evening, followed by the Eucharistic Procession, led by Fr. Paul Manjooran, Director, Department of Catechism, Diocese of Mandya.

Today (Jan. 18), the Main Feast Day, there was Holy Mass at 7 am. Mar Sebastian Adayanthrath, Bishop of Mandya, was the main celebrant for the Solemn High Mass at 10.30 am. There was Annasantarpane at 12.30 pm.

Rt. Rev. Dr. Thomas Antony Vazhappilly, the Bishop Emeritus of Mysuru, will officiate the Solemn Festal High Mass in Kannada at 4.30 pm followed by the grand candlelight procession in honour of Infant Jesus with the famous Nashik Dhol and Bandsets to the Ring Road junction, Hinkal. There will be Nashik Dhol performance and the Wonders in the Sky at 7.30 pm.

There will be an Entertainment Programme by famous Malayalam Serial and Comedy Show artistes Prakash Pattambi, Niyas Kannur and team at 8 pm, according to Msgr. Thomas Thennattil, the Parish Priest and Bastian Joseph Kottukappilly, the General Convener.

For details, contact Jaison Androos, Convener-Publicity, on Mob: 98450-55462.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM	KABINI DAM	HARANGI DAM
Maximum **124.80 feet**	Maximum **2,284 feet**	Maximum **2,859 feet**
Today's level **122.5 feet**	Today's level **2,275.60 feet**	Today's level **2,829.47 feet**
Last year's level **122.60 feet**	Last year's level **2,280.30 feet**	Last year's level **2,836.10 feet**
Yesterday's level **122.68 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,275.67 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,829.39 feet**
Today's Inflow **692 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **545 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **280 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **3,293 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **917 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **200 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- ***In 1921, Mahatma Gandhi first suggested a flag for the Indian National Congress. The first design was made by Pingali Venkayya. It had two colours — red for Hindus and green for Muslims.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Monty (to a clerk): *Sir, I have seen your face somewhere else.*
Clerk: *How it could be? My face is always with me and I am very much working here.*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 90.87
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 121.20
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 24.70
1 Euro	= Rs. 105.38

VOICE OF THE READER

Balance must between people and wildlife

Sir,

This refers to the recent observations made by Dr. Javeed Nayeem in *Star of Mysore* and a recent High Court remark highlighting the growing problem of human-wildlife conflict.

While wildlife conservation is essential, it cannot come at the cost of human lives and livelihoods. Across many villages surrounded by forests, people live in constant fear due to frequent intrusion of elephants, tigers and other wild animals.

Crop destruction, loss of property and, tragically, loss of human life have become disturbingly common. For villagers who depend on agriculture and daily labour, this fear is a harsh reality, not an abstract debate.

In India, wildlife laws are among the most stringent in the world. While these laws were framed with good intentions, their rigid implementation often leaves affected citizens helpless, even when their lives are under direct threat. Protecting animals should not mean abandoning the fundamental right of people to safety and dignity.

Several countries with strong conservation records have adopted balanced approaches that protect wildlife while prioritising human safety through relocation, compensation and controlled intervention. India too must urgently move towards such practical and humane solutions.

A rational, compassionate policy that respects both environmental protection and human survival is the need of the hour. Ignoring the daily suffering of people living near forests will only deepen resentment and conflict.

—Altaf Ahmed

S.S. Nagar
13.1.2026

Obituary

Vishwanath B. Basetty

Mysuru, Jan. 18- Vishwanath B. Basetty (71), a resident of Chamundi Vihar Layout, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind his wife, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Veerashaiva-Lingayat Burial Grounds in Bannimantap this morning.

Sharada

Sharada (74), wife of late Puttaveeraiah of Ashokapuram and a resident of Vidyaranyapuram, passed away yesterday in city. She leaves behind children Shobha, Sunil Kumar (BSP leader) and Swagath and a host of relatives and friends.

She was the elder sister of Senior Co-operative H. Vasu. Last rites were held at Ashokapuram Burial Grounds at Vishweshwaranagar 1st Stage this noon.

C. Vasantha

C. Vasantha (49), wife of M. Puttaraju and a resident of Kergalli in the taluk, passed away yesterday. She leaves behind her husband, one son, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Kergalli Burial Grounds yesterday, according to family sources.

Mahadevamma

Mahadevamma (96), a resident of Agrahara, passed away on Jan. 15 in city. She leaves behind her children including retired Police Department employee S. Krishnamurthy, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill on Jan. 16.

Mahadevamma

Thandavapura: Mahadevamma (62), wife of Koppal Beerappa and sister of Thandavapura Credit Co-operative Society former President B. Basavanna, passed away yesterday.

She leaves behind her husband, two sons, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at the village yesterday evening, according to family sources.

Rs. 9.75 crore Varuna Lake revamp project approved

164-acre water body to be rejuvenated and beautified with clean water, boating, zip lines

Mysuru, Jan. 18 (RK&BCT)- The State Government has granted administrative approval for the rejuvenation and beautification of Varuna Lake in Mysuru, with an estimated project cost of Rs. 9.75 crore.

A file photo of former Joint Director of Tourism Department M.K. Savitha (now Registrar of University of Mysore) and other officials discussing plans to develop the Varuna Lake.

Once the lake is rejuvenated and beautified, a recreational park, zip lines and boating will transform the waterbody.

Spread over 164 acres near Chikkahalli village under Varuna Gram Panchayat in Mysuru taluk, the lake is set to be transformed into a clean and tourist-friendly water body.

According to a report by the Managing Director of Cauvery Neeravari Nigam Limited (CNNL), the lake has been polluted due to sewage inflow from Varuna hobli, Vajamangala Gram Panchayat, MUDA Layouts, Chikkahalli village and nearby residential areas.

In collaboration with the District Administration and the Tourism Department, tenders have already been floated to introduce boating and water adventure activities at Varuna Lake.

However, the water quality tests conducted by the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) classified the lake under the 'D' category, highlighting potential health risks for visitors.

To address these concerns, CNNL proposed the installation of a Sewage Treatment Plant (STP). While Sequential Batch Reactor (SBR) technology was initially considered, it was found to require high electricity and continuous maintenance.

Instead, Natural Biological System (NBS) technology has been chosen to treat the water, conserve the lake ecosystem and enhance its aesthetic appeal.

Proposal in 2023-2024

In 2023-24, Mysuru Division Joint Director of Tourism M.K. Savitha and CNNL Superintending Engineer Mahesh jointly inspected the lake and prepared a comprehensive plan of action. The Rs. 9.75 crore proposal was subsequently submitted to the Government.

The project received approval from the CNNL Estimate Review Committee on Oct. 30, 2025, and from the Board of Directors on Nov. 18, 2025.

Following this, the Water Resources Department issued an order on Dec. 29, 2025, granting administrative sanction for the project titled "Rejuvenation of Varuna Tank by Natural Biological System (NBS) under the Achukat of DDUC."

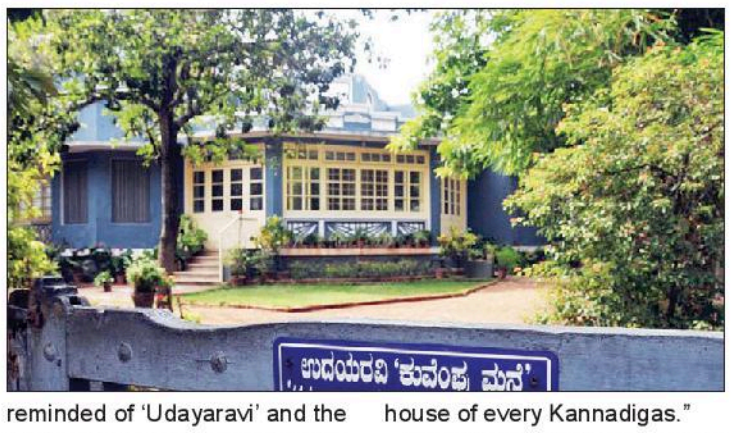
With approval in place, CNNL has invited tenders and will soon issue work orders to successful bidders. Development work is expected to commence by the end of this month. The project plan includes measures to prevent sewage inflow, installation of crest gates, de-silting, repair of bunds, beautification, creation of a recreational park and tourism-friendly activities such as zip lines and boating.

The rejuvenation of Varuna Lake is expected to improve water quality, enhance the ecological balance and provide a vibrant recreational space for residents and tourists alike.

Demand for 'Udayaravi' as Memorial

Pro-Kannada activists visit Kuvempu's residence

Mysuru, Jan. 18 (BS)- A delegation of pro-Kannada organisations visited 'Udayaravi,' the residence of Poet Laureate Kuvempu at V.V. Mohalla in city on Thursday only to urge the family members of late poet to develop the residence as a Memorial.



In a discussion held with Kuvempu's daughter Tarini Chidananda Gowda, the activists vented their anguish over what can be described as the lethargic attitude of the State Government, in developing 'Udayaravi' as a Memorial. It is shameful on the part of the Government for showing reluctance to honour the poet laureate, who has made enormous contributions to the land and language, enriching its culture and tradition, they said.

"Isn't Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, who hails from Mysuru, reminded of 'Udayaravi' and the related demand, when he shows all eagerness to approve the proposals to install the statues of late Prime Ministers Indira Gandhi & Rajiv Gandhi, and Sonia Gandhi at Kalaburagi. If the Government continues to show neglect towards Kuvempu, all pro-Kannada organisations in the State will launch a campaign to raise one rupee from the house of every Kannadigas."

Karnataka Navanirmana Sene President Bheemashankar Patil, Karnataka Kavalu Pade President Mohankumar Gowda, Karunadu Sevakaru Sanghatane State Convener M.B. Nagangowda and Karnataka Navanirmana Sene Bengaluru City President Prashanth Gowda & District Unit President Shreyas were present.

NEWS BRIEFS

Applications invited for subsidy

Under the Girijan Sub-Plan, the Department of Fisheries has invited applications from eligible fishermen belonging to ST community for availing subsidy for purchase of 4-wheeler vehicle to be used for transportation & sale of fish. Under the scheme, the beneficiary will get a maximum subsidy of Rs. 3 lakh, while the remaining money for vehicle purchase (costing Rs. 6 lakh) has to be borne by the beneficiary. Eligible fishermen can obtain the prescribed application forms from the respective Taluk Fisheries Department Office and return the same along with required documents before Jan. 28, according to a press release.

Free coaching for Police recruitment

City's Jnanabuthi has organised free coaching class for the written exam for recruitment of Police Constables and Police Sub-Inspectors. Those interested can register their name at Jnanabuthi located in Government High School & PU College premises, JLB Road, Lakshmipuram, between 5.30 pm and 7.30 pm till Jan. 23. For registration and details, contact Mob: 99728-30857, 82967-88251 or 94481-17455.

Entries invited

The Office of the District Child Protection Officer, Mysuru, has invited entries from Gram Panchayats of the district which have zero tolerance for child marriages, for awarding Child-Marriage-Free Gram Panchayat Award for the year 2024-25. The selected Gram Panchayat will receive a cash prize of Rs. 25,000. Eligible Gram Panchayats can send their entries along with supporting records, to the office located at CA- 15-17, 1st floor, Anjanadri Main Road, 2nd Phase, 4th Stage, Vijayanagar, Mysuru-32, before Jan. 30. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2543003.

Fee reimbursement

Under the SCSP scheme, the Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports has invited applications from eligible SC community students who are undergoing training at Netaji Subhas National Institute of Sports for reimbursement of fees. The reimbursement of fees is applicable to students of Karnataka who have gained admission for six-week certificate course and PG diploma and sports coaching courses conducted by the Sports Authority of India (SAI). Eligible SC community students can apply at the Department Office before Jan. 21, according to a press release. For details, call Ph: 0821-2564179.

Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway exit point traffic woes

MP seeks expedited flyover work at Kempegowda Circle

Mysuru, Jan. 18 (BCT)- Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar has sought expedited action on key infrastructure projects in Mysuru, with particular emphasis on the proposed flyover at Kempegowda Circle (Manipal Hospital Junction).

During a meeting in New Delhi with National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) Chief Secretary Umashankar recently, the MP submitted a formal representation highlighting the urgent need for a flyover at Kempegowda Circle on National Highway-275 connecting Bengaluru and Mysuru.

He said the project would help reduce accidents, cut travel time and ensure smoother traffic flow into and out of the city. The NHAI Chief Secretary reportedly responded positively to the proposal.

Mysuru–Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar meeting National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) Chief Secretary Umashankar in New Delhi.

Manipal Hospital Junction witnesses heavy traffic congestion during peak hours, weekends and holidays, with trucks, buses, cars and two-wheelers competing for limited road space.

Commuters are often forced to spend 30 to 45 minutes negotiating the stretch. Traffic snarls, which existed even before the highway's upgradation, have worsened following its expansion.

Motorists have frequently flagged concerns over recurring vehicular pile-ups at the junction from all four directions. Congestion has become a routine issue, particularly on weekends when highway traffic increases, leaving commuters stranded in long queues.

Describing the flyover as a milestone project for Mysuru, Yaduveer Wadiyar said it would significantly ease congestion and improve road safety. He also held discussions with NHAI officials on the construction of service roads along the Mysuru–Kushalnagar Highway.

Tigress Preethi dies at Mysuru Zoo

Mysuru, Jan. 18 (MTY&KS)- Preethi, a 3.9-year-old tigress which was housed in Mysuru Zoo has died of Haemoprotozoa yesterday midnight.

Born to Thara and Rocky on July 24, 2022, Preethi had stopped consuming food since last five days and was being treated by the Zoo Veterinarians. But Preethi, did not respond to the treatment and succumbed to illness yesterday, according to a press release from the Executive Director of Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens.

Bid to grab 320-acre Government land worth Rs. 200 crore

Six officials including 2 Shirastedars suspended

Mandya, Jan. 18 (VNS) - Following the unearthing of attempt to grab 320-acre Government land worth Rs. 200 crore in Nagamangala taluk in the district, Deputy Commissioner Dr. C. Kumara has suspended all six officials named in the FIR on charges of the forging documents to illegally grant Government land to the beneficiaries, here yesterday.

As per the orders, the suspended officials include Second Division Assistants H.V. Satish, Gurumurthy and Vijay Kumar, Kanthapura Circle Village Assistant S. Yogesh, Shirastedars Ravi Shankar and Umesh.

It may be recalled that Upa Lokayukta Justice B. Veerappa had filed a suo motu case on Jan. 12 following which the Lokayukta sleuths led by Mandya Lokayukta SP Suresh Babu conducted raids on Jan. 13 at Nagamangala Taluk Office and on the offices and residences of the officials named in the case.

The sleuths arrested Second Division Assistants H.V. Satish and Gurumurthy, Kanthapura Circle Village Assistant S. Yogesh, Shirastedars Ravi Shankar and Umesh. They were produced before the Court and were remanded to judicial custody.

Two arrested for illegal transportation of PDS rice

Mysuru, Jan. 18 (KS)- Alanahalli Police have arrested two persons on charges of transporting Public Distribution Scheme (PDS) rice and have recovered 617 kg PDS rice from them.

Those arrested are Nikhil and Mahendra, residents of Ankanahalli village in Mandya district.

Following a tip off, Alanahalli Police conducted a raid and arrested the two accused besides recovering the PDS rice and have registered a case.

Senior Advocate Madhubala R. Mehta passes away

Madhubala

Mysuru, Jan. 18- Madhubala R. Mehta (70), a Senior Advocate and a resident of V.V. Mohalla, passed away yesterday in Bengaluru.

She leaves behind one son, daughter-in-law, grand-son, two brothers, one sister and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held in Bengaluru this morning and a prayer meeting will be held at Sri Mysore Gujarati Samaj Bhavan at Yadavagiri in city tomorrow (Jan. 19) at 4.30 pm, according to family sources.

Two killed in road accidents

Mysuru, Jan. 18 (KS)- In separate cases, two persons were killed in road accidents in city recently.

In the first case, a man, who was riding a motorbike was killed, when he fell from the vehicle at Belavadi last Sunday.

The deceased has been identified as Ravikanth, a native of Madhya Pradesh, who was residing at Lingadevarakoppal in the city. He was an employee of a private company here.

On Sunday evening, Ravikanth, who had been to a playground at Belavadi to play cricket was proceeding towards his home on his two-wheeler when he accidentally fell from the bike sustaining serious injuries.

Though passersby immediately rushed him to a private hospital, the doctors who examined him declared him brought dead. A case has been registered at Yelwal Police Station.

In the second case, a pedestrian was killed when a Tempo Traveller hit him at Kadakola on Tuesday night.

The deceased is Nanjanayaka, a resident of Kadakola village in Nanjangud taluk.

Nanjanayaka was walking towards a bakery to buy bread on Tuesday night, when the Tempo Traveller, which came from Nanjangud side, hit him causing serious injuries. Though he was being shifted to a hospital, he is said to have breathed his last midway.

Mysuru Rural (South) Police have registered a case and are investigating.

Beggary business back in city

Beggar gangs move into Mysuru, mafia operation suspected

Mysuru, Jan. 18 (MTY&BCT)- Efforts to make Mysuru a beggar-free city have shown encouraging results in recent years. Yet residents are now voicing concern over the growing presence of beggars from outside the State at major roads and traffic signals, warning that the trend could tarnish the city's image.

During Dasara, traders from northern States and other regions arrive in Mysuru to sell toys and miscellaneous goods. Many have since stayed back, engaging in street vending at prominent junctions such as circles and intersections along the Outer Ring Road.

Alongside them, elderly persons, women and children have reportedly taken to begging, causing embarrassment to tourists and raising fears that Mysuru may once again be perceived as being overrun by beggars. Civic activists allege that this surge is not merely incidental but linked to a beggary mafia that exploits vulnerable individuals by deploying them at busy traffic points.

They claim organised groups are transporting beggars into the city, controlling prime locations and pocketing the collections. Residents have urged the Police and the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) to intensify monitoring and enforcement to dismantle the beggary mafia.

Rehabilitation efforts

To curb begging, the District Administration had earlier set up a Beggar Rehabilitation Centre at Jyothinagar. Persons found soliciting alms were shifted to the centre, reunited with their families wherever possible or provided shelter and care if destitute. The initiative had significantly reduced the incidence of begging across the city. Residents now allege that some outsiders are disguising begging as petty trade. At traffic signals, individuals hold pens or small trinkets under the guise of selling them.

When motorists decline, they reportedly plead for money, claiming they have not eaten. Citizens have demanded stricter regulations to check such practices.

At busy junctions, including K.R. Circle, J.K. Grounds, Bamboo Bazaar, Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa Circle (Metropole Circle), Vinayakanagar (Paduvarahalli) Junction and Sriman-Maharaja Sanskrit Patashala, beggars have reportedly been pushing elderly persons in wheelchairs into the middle of the road to solicit alms.

Others, leaning on walking sticks, approach vehicles at signals. Motorists say that when the lights turn green, vehicles move forward while beggars remain on the carriageway, leading to near-miss incidents and posing serious safety risks. They have urged the Police to intervene immediately.

Glass cleaning for money

Another emerging trend involves individuals splashing soap-mixed water on car windshields at traffic signals and wiping them without consent, followed by demands for payment.

Reports suggest that some clean 50 to 100 vehicles a day, earning Rs. 10 to Rs. 20 per vehicle. The practice has become a quick source of income, with several outsiders reportedly adopting windshield cleaning as a routine activity.

Public safety groups have called upon the District Administration and the Police to take stringent measures. They have demanded that beggars be relocated to rehabilitation centres and that unchecked solicitation at traffic junctions be curbed.

"If firm action is not taken, tourists from other States and abroad may leave with the impression that Mysuru is overrun by beggars, which would harm the city's heritage and reputation," said M.S. Gururaj Shetty and Pramod Gowda of the Mysuru Rakshana Vedike.

"For Mysuru's safety and dignity, no activity that undermines its tradition and prominence should be encouraged," they added.

Artefacts on display draw crowds at Chitra Santhe

Mysuru, Jan. 18 (BLU&BS)- The two-day Mysore Chitra Santhe, organised as part of Uttarayana Cultural Festival by Jagannatha Centre for Art and Culture (JCAC) jointly with Association of Visual Arts (AVA), concludes this evening.

The Chitra Santhe, as the name goes, has an array of artefacts including paintings and khadi products from Badanavalu Khadi Centre, that are sure to attract the visitors. The entry is free.

Artist Leelavathi's Mysore Style Paintings, made using 24-carat gold foil, that enjoyed patronage during the reign of erstwhile Maharaja of Mysore, Mummadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar, is the highlight of Chitra Santhe. The paintings featuring deities like Krishna, Saraswati and Ganesha, various species of birds are on display cum sale here. It is a time-consuming job, with the price of paintings ranging from Rs. 60,000 to Rs. 70,000. Artist Mohankumar has various paintings, with price tag of Rs. 500 to Rs. 5 lakh, catering to the need of art lovers.

While another artist Kiran Aditya has water colour paintings, portraying heritage buildings of Mysuru like Palace, Devaraja Market, Jaganmohan Palace, Tongas, Maharaja's College to name a few.

Likewise, paintings like that of canvass, acrylic and other mediums can be seen here. A total of 30 stalls have been opened displaying various products.

CII Mysore Chapter Chairman Nagaraja Gargeshwari inaugurated the Chitra Santhe yesterday. Former CFTRI Director V. Prakash said, Mysuru has emerged as the global hub of arts. It should be rejuvenated, without leading to its peril. The Wadiyars of Mysore should be credited for patronising the art, he added.

Industrialist and educationist M. Jagannath Shenoy said, JCAC should be utilised by Mysureans to promote and encourage various art forms.

ADC Dr. P. Shivaraju, Federation of Organisations & Associations of Mysuru President B.S. Prashanth, Mysuru Travels Assn. President C.A. Jayakumar and Mysuru Hotel Owners' Association President C. Narayanagowda were present.

Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway accident statistics

1,901 accidents, 262 deaths in three years

Lack of emergency care makes Nidaghatta-Mysuru stretch deadlier

A file photo of a gruesome accident on the Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway.

Mysuru, Jan. 18 (AG&BCT)- A three-year analysis of road accident data on the 120-km access-controlled Mysuru–Bengaluru National Highway-275 has revealed that 1,901 accidents were reported between 2023 and 2025.

The data covers two critical stretches — Nidaghatta to Mysuru (59 km) and Bengaluru to Nidaghatta (61 km). As per the data provided by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), across both stretches, 262 people lost their lives, averaging 87 deaths a year.

As many as 351 persons sustained serious injuries, many resulting in permanent disability. While 1,365 people suffered minor injuries, 846 escaped unhurt.

The Nidaghatta–Mysuru stretch recorded 948 accidents, leading to 163 fatalities, 136 serious injuries and 758 minor injuries. In comparison, the Bengaluru–Nidaghatta stretch saw 953 accidents, resulting in 99 fatalities, 215 serious injuries and 607 minor injuries.

Notably, despite a similar number of accidents, the Bengaluru–Nidaghatta stretch recorded significantly fewer deaths. This has been attributed to quicker emergency response times and the ready availability of hospitals and trauma care facilities.

Most seriously injured victims from this stretch were shifted to Bengaluru, where advanced healthcare facilities helped many survive severe accidents.

In contrast, the Nidaghatta–Mysuru stretch suffers from poor emergency response due to the limited availability of ambulances. Towns and cities along this stretch are located far from the highway, which passes several kilometres away from urban centres, making it difficult for ambulances to reach accident sites in time.

Year-wise trend

In 2023, the highway witnessed the highest number of accidents, with 797 incidents and 149 fatalities. In 2024, there was a decline, with 548 accidents resulting in 56 deaths. However, 2025 saw a rise again, with 556 accidents and 57 fatalities.

The increase in 2025 was particularly pronounced on the Nidaghatta–Mysuru stretch, which recorded 38 deaths, 101 serious injuries and 168 minor injuries. The 120-km highway passes through four districts — Mysuru (10–12 km), Mandya (60–66 km), Ramanagara or Bengaluru South district (30 km) and Bengaluru (10–12 km).

Absence of medical care

The data indicates that while both stretches pose significant risks due to reckless driving, overspeeding and poor lane discipline, the Nidaghatta–Mysuru stretch is deadlier primarily because of the absence of immediate medical and trauma care facilities.

By contrast, the Bengaluru–Nidaghatta stretch has recorded fewer fatalities owing to the availability of ambulances and prompt access to medical care.

Proposals remain on paper

Meanwhile, the long-pending proposal to establish a Trauma Care Centre in Mandya remains on paper.

In 2023, the Department of Health and Family Welfare, through the Mandya District Administration, submitted a proposal to the NHAI seeking the construction of a 100-bed Trauma Care Centre. However, the project is yet to be initiated.

Crackdown on unauthorised entries: DIGP Parashuram

Mysuru, Jan. 18 (AG&BCT)- K. Parashuram, Deputy Inspector General of Police (DIGP) and Commissioner for Traffic and Road Safety, told *Star of Mysore* that the SPs of Mandya and Ramanagara have already been instructed to deploy personnel at entry and exit points of the Highway during peak traffic hours.

He said that Police personnel will be posted at entry and exit points, with regular and intensive patrolling and enforcement. This, he said, would prevent vehicles from using unauthorised entries and wrong-side access.

K. Parashuram

"This reassessment of safety measures is already under implementation and we expect to receive reports from the SPs within a fortnight. The plan is to strengthen surveillance, which at times suffers due to manpower constraints and VIP movements," he added.

Will not hand over Ballari violence case to CBI: Chief Minister

Mysuru, Jan.18 (BLU&DM)- Slamming the BJP's demand for a CBI probe into the recent Ballari violence in which a Congress worker was shot dead, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah asserted that the Ballari case will not be handed over to the CBI.

Speaking to presspersons upon his arrival at Mysore Airport here this noon, enroute to Suttur, Siddaramaiah maintained that the BJP has no moral right to seek a CBI probe now as it (BJP) had failed to hand over any case to the Central agency when it was in power.

Contending that in the past, he had handed over a total of 8 cases including George case,

CM Siddaramaiah addressing presspersons at Mysore Airport here this noon as MLC Dr. D. Thimmaiah, former MLA M.K. Somashekar, MLA D. Ravishankar and others look on.

Soujanya murder case etc.,Siddaramaiah said that nothing sensational or substantial came out of the CBI case then. Quoting a past Supreme Court order which had barred BJP leader G. Janardhan Reddy from entering Ballari, the CM said the BJP must be credited for making Ballari a 'Republic of Ballari'.

Making a scathing attack on the BJP and 'Reddy brothers,' the CM said the Congress need not learn anything from the BJP.

Replying to a question on BJP's opposition to the Special Joint Session of the State Legislature starting from Jan. 22, Siddaramaiah charged the Union Government of destroying the very fabric of rural employment by replacing MGNREGA introduced by the Congress headed UPA Government two decades ago.

"The Special Session of the State Legislature has been convened to discuss in depth the Centre's VB G Ram G Act, which replaced MGNREGA Act, as the issue is serious with the Centre out to render the poor jobless. The State Congress Government opposes the introduction of G Ram G scheme as it believes the new Act will destroy rural livelihoods", he pointed out.

Commenting on the Lokayukta raids on Excise Department officials, Siddaramaiah said he was not aware of the Excise Minister's name coming out. The Lokayukta can continue with its probe and punish the guilty , he noted.

The CM refused to take questions on State politics and left the Airport by road to Suttur in Nanjangud taluk where the week-long Suttur Jatra is underway.

Chief Minister at Suttur

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, is seen speaking after inaugurating a seminar on Agriculture at Suttur Jathra, at Suttur Srikshetra in Nanjangud taluk, Mysuru district, this afternoon. Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, Vatal Mutt Seer Sri Siddalinga Shivacharya Swamiji, Ministers Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa and Lakshmi Hebbalkar, MLC Dr. Yathindra Siddaramaiah, MLA Dr. Mantar Gowda and others.

How did we miss it? CM on MDMA factory in Mysuru

Bengaluru, Jan. 18 (BCT)- Expressing frustration and deep dissatisfaction, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah questioned why the Karnataka Police failed to detect a large Methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA) drug manufacturing unit in Mysuru, which was instead uncovered by the Maharashtra Police.

Chairing a conference of senior Police officers at the office of the Director General and Inspector General of Police (DG&IGP) yesterday, the CM warned that such lapses would not be tolerated in future.

"If addicts are interrogated, the source of drugs can be traced. If peddlers are questioned, the supply chain becomes clear. Foreign nationals involved in crimes must be deported. Senior officers must keep a strict watch over Inspectors and Sub-Inspectors," he said.

88 cases against Policemen

While admitting that crime cannot be eliminated, Siddaramaiah said its scale can certainly be reduced. He expressed concern that in the past year alone, 88 cases had been registered against Police personnel themselves.

"If you join hands with criminals, how will you protect the public?" he asked, noting that several officers had already faced disciplinary action for proven collusion.

Referring to NCRB's Crime in India–2023 report, the CM highlighted Karnataka's poor conviction rate and termed the involvement of Police personnel in crimes as "unforgivable," likening it to "the fence eating the crop." He said such incidents erode public trust in both the government and the police force.

Noting crime trends, Siddaramaiah said conventional crimes such as theft, robbery, burglary and murder had declined, but cybercrime and drug-related offences were on the rise.

Woman Officer threatened

(Continued from page 1)

On Dec. 31, Bandipalya Circle Village Administrative Officer (VAO) G. Bhavya and Village Assistant (VA) Naveen Kumar visited Gudumadanahalli to inspect the identified land.

During the inspection, a villager, identified as G.M. Puttaswamy, who had developed an arecanut plantation on the land, objected to their presence and verbally abused the officials.

Questioning the acquisition of the land for the proposed hospital, Puttaswamy allegedly threatened to kill Bhavya and Naveen Kumar and attempted to assault them when Naveen Kumar tried to record the incident on his mobile phone.

According to the complaint, Puttaswamy pushed Naveen Kumar aside, snatched his mobile phone and deleted the video recordings.

Bhavya later lodged a complaint with the jurisdictional Mysuru South Police, accusing Puttaswamy of using filthy language, threatening her with death, attempting to assault her and obstructing her from discharging official duties.

Based on the complaint, the Police have registered a case and taken up an investigation.

As the video went viral on social media, several users and members of the public expressed outrage, questioning the safety of officials and asking what the fate of the common citizen would be if a woman officer could be openly threatened with death in the Chief Minister's home district.

Taluk officers, Police clear encroachments

Mysuru, Jan. 18 (RK&BCT)- Following the incident in which villager G.M. Puttaswamy allegedly threatened Bandipalya Circle Village Administrative Officer (VAO) G. Bhavya and Village Assistant Naveen Kumar, the Taluk administration, with Police support, evicted encroachers from Government land at Gudumadanahalli village in Mysuru taluk.

A team led by Mysuru Tahsildar K.M. Mahesh Kumar, along with Revenue Inspector Ravi and police personnel, carried out the eviction drive in Survey Nos. 60 and 68 yesterday.

About 30 acres of land identified for the construction of a NIMHANS-like hospital at Gudumadanahalli village in Varuna Hobli of Mysuru taluk had been under unauthorised occupation by over 18 persons, including Puttaswamy, who had cultivated paddy, banana and other crops.

Taluk officials and the Police during the encroachment clearance drive at Gudumadanahalli village in Mysuru taluk.

Despite resistance from farmers, supported by the Raitha Sangha, the authorities proceeded with the eviction.

With the support of Mysuru Rural Police Inspector Shekhar, officials reclaimed the land.

As part of the operation, crops and a banana plantation on the site were cleared using earthmovers to pave the way for the proposed hospital construction.

Free medical camp held

Mysuru, Jan. 18 (KS) - Millath Baitul Maal, in association with Victory Charitable Trust, Unity Charitable Trust and a private Hospital, with an objective of extending accessible and quality healthcare services to the underprivileged had organised a free dental, eye check-up and cataract surgery camp at Millath Baitul Maal, Masjid-e-Quba in Udayagiri here recently.

The camp was inaugurated in the presence of Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA) Chairman Ayub Khan and President of Victory Charitable Trust Amanulla Khan and others.

Medical services were provided under the guidance of District Surgeon Dr. Nayaz Pasha while Head of the Ophthalmology Department at K.R. Hospital Dr. Chethan led the eye screening and cataract evaluation services.

The camp witnessed active participation from specialist doctors, pharmacists and health care volunteers.

Speaking on the occasion, Amanulla Khan emphasised the Trust's continued commitment to community welfare through healthcare outreach programmes, medical camps and free medicine distribution drives.

He highlighted the importance of collaborative efforts between charitable organisations to reach the needy effectively.

President of Unity Charitable Trust Noor Merchant appreciated the coordinated efforts of all organisations involved and stressed the need for sustained community-based health initiatives.

President of Millath Baitul Maal Sardar Ahmed and Secretary Dr. Ataulla Shariff, along with other managing committee members, played a key role in organising the camp and ensuring smooth coordination.

Free consultations, diagnostic screenings, medicines and referrals for cataract surgeries were provided during the camp. Residents expressed their gratitude for bringing essential healthcare services to their doorstep.

Attempt to sell drugs

One arrested; 11 grams MDMA worth Rs. 30,000 seized

Mysuru, Jan. 18 (RK&KS)- The City Crime Branch (CCB) Police have arrested a youth, who was attempting to sell narcotic substance near Abhishek Circle in Hebbal on Saturday and have seized 11 grams narcotic substance MDMA worth about Rs. 30,000 from him.

The arrested has been identified as Shoaib, a resident of Suntikoppa in Somwarpet taluk of Kodagu district.

During interrogation, the accused is said to have told the cops that he had procured the drug from a person in Udayagiri and was attempting to sell it.

The CCB Police later handed over the accused to Vijayanagar Inspector Suresh Kumar, who registered a case and produced the accused before a Court, which remanded him to judicial custody.

FOR SALE
30x40|30x50 Sites, Near RT Ngr, Brahmins Lyt, HD Kote Rd.
20x30, 30x40 MUDA Approved Sites Near Rainbow School Bogadi
40x60 Site@ Shardha Lyt,JP Ngr
40x45 Duplex House @ Vijay Ngr
2-3 BHK Apartments @RK Ngr
Commercial Properties Also Available
PRAKRUTHI PROPERTIES
95386 90359, 90359 90359

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given to the general public that my client **Smt. Gayathri.M**, W/o. Sri.Pillappa resident of No.925, Jayanagar 4th T Block, Bangalore has lost the **original Sale Deed dated 28.02.1973 registered as document No.3372/1972-73 and Sale Deed dated 19.10.2005 registered as document No. MYN-1-11404-2005-06 with respect to land bearing Sy. No.121 totally measuring 2 Acres 5 Guntas, situated at Varuna Village, Varuna Hobli, Mysore Taluk.** My client has lodged lost complaint with Karnataka State Police (online complaint) on 17.01.2026.

If anybody happens to come across or trace or find the above original documents and hand over the same to the under signed and obtain due acknowledgement within 15 days from publication of this notice.

Sd/- **M.S. Jinachandran,**
Advocate. #1208/A, CH-31/A,
First Floor, New Kanthraj Urs Road, Near Ballal Circle,
Chamarajapuram
Mysore - 570005. Ph.9986139767
Date: 17.01.2026, Place: Mysore

STAR OF MYSORE
DISCLAIMER
Readers may make appropriate enquiries regarding the Advertised product with the Advertisers concerned. Star of Mysore shall not be held liable for any consequences or entering into any commitment in relation to any advertisement published in this Newspaper.
— Management

SUTTUR JATHRA EVENTS

TODAY (JANUARY 18)

DRAMAS

- **At Hiriyara Mane premises — 10 pm:** 'Prabhulinga Leele' by Jagadguru Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Kala Balaga, Mysuru.
- **In front of Mangala Mantapa — 10 pm:** 'Srikrishna Sandhana' or 'Geetopadesha' by Sri Vinayaka Krupaposhita Nataka Mandali, Kanakapura.
- **Adjacent to School — 10 pm:** 'Dakshayagna' or 'Brughumuniya Garvabhanga' by Badanavalu Sri Siddheshwara Krupaposhita Nataka Mandali, Hebbakavadi, Mandya taluk.
- **Behind Guest House — 10 pm:** 'Dharmavijaya' or 'Dharmarayana Pattabhisheka' by Sri Abhayanjaneyaswamy Krupaposhita Nataka Mandali, Nelaguli, North Bengaluru.

TOMORROW (JANUARY 19)

PUJA-PROCESSIONS

- **At Karthru Gadduge — 4 am:** Maharudrabhisheka, Phalalankara, Mahamangalarathi, Silver Chariot Prakarotsava; **6.15 am:** 39 Samsmaranotsava of Rajagurutilaka Jagadguru Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Mahaswamiji; **6.30 am**: Hosakote - Friendship-Cordiality-Peace March; **7.30 am:** Shatsthala Flag Hoisting - Sri Sadashiva Swamiji, Junior Pontiff, Sri Bilwapatre Gavimutt, Kanakapura taluk. Message - Sri Niranjana Shivacharya Swamiji, Sri Bruhanmutt, Guruvinapura, Kanakapura taluk; **9.30 am:** Rudrabhisheka to Sri Someshwara and Sri Amrutheshwari Ammanavaru (Bank of River Kapila); **6 pm:** Maharudrabhisheka; **7.30 pm:** Mahamangalarathi; **8 pm:** Rajopachara to Procession Deity of Teppotsava; **8.30 pm:** Kapila Aarti; **9 pm:** Teppotsava & Fireworks.

BHAJANA MELA VALEDICTORY AND ALUMNI MEET

- **10 am:** Dr. Sri Prabhusarangadeva Shivacharya Swamiji, Sri Saranga Mutt, Sindagi and President, ABVSS and Dr. Sri Hirishanthaveera Swamiji, Sri Gavisiddeshwara Shakha Mutt, Hoovinahadagali, will grace the occasion. Dr. Sharanaprakash R. Patil, Minister for Medical Education & Skill Development, presides. Valedictory Address by H.D. Kumaraswamy, Union Minister for Steel and Heavy Industries. Prize distribution - Ekatari Team by Dr. C.N. Ashwath Narayan, MLA & former Dy.CM, Men's Team by Govind M. Karjol, MP and former Dy.CM, Women's Team by C.S. Puttaraju, former Minister, Children's Team by S.R. Mahesh, former Minister and Outside State Team by Dr. K. Annadani, former MLA. M. Krishnappa, MLA and former Minister, G.D. Harish Gowda, MLA, Hunsur, Madhu G. Madegowda, MLC, K. Vivekananda, MLC, T.A. Sharavana, MLC and Amarnath Gowda, President, AKKA, USA, chief guests.
- **11 am:** Alumni Meet of Suttur Jagadguru Sri Shivarathreeshwara Prasada Nilayas at Allamaprabhu Auditorium (School premises). L. Revannasiddaiah, DGP (retd.), President of the Association, presides.

WRESTLING COMPETITION

- **2 pm:** Sri Immadi Siddalinga Swamiji, Sri Guru Kambaleeshwara Mutt, Mallanamule Sukshetra and Sri Chidananda Swamiji, Sri Hosamutt, Mysuru, will grace the occasion. R.V. Deshpande, MLA & former Minister, presides. Inauguration by N.S. Boseraj, Minister for Minor Irrigation, Science & Technology. Prize distribution - 'Suthur Kesari' by Dr. C.T. Ravi, MLC & former Minister, 'Suttur Kumara' by Tanveer Sait, MLA & former Minister and 'Suttur Kishora' by C. Puttarangashetty, MLA, Chairman of MSIL and former Minister. Sagar Eshwar Kandre, MP, Bidar, Rizwan Arshad, MLA, Shivajinagar, Bengaluru, K. Harishgowda, MLA, Chamaraja, Mysuru, Dr. D. Thimmaiah, MLC, C.N. Manjegowda, MLC, Doddaswamegowda, President, MCDCC Bank, Mysuru, Mallikarjuna Baladandi, SP, Mysuru and M. Mutturaju, SP, Chamarajanagar, chief guests.

VALEDICTORY OF AGRICULTURAL FAIR & CATTLE FAIR

- **5 pm:** Jagadguru Dr. Sri Nirmalanandanatha Swamiji, Sri Adichunchanagiri Mahasamsthana Mutt, Adichunchanagiri and Sri Ashoka Rajendra Swamiji, Sri Dronagiri Mutt, Baraguru, Tamil Nadu, will grace the occasion. Eshwar B. Khandre, Minister for Forest, Ecology & Environment, presides. Valedictory Address by Dinesh Gundurao, Minister for Health & Family Welfare. Prize distribution - Agricultural Fair by S. Madhu Bangarappa, Minister for School Education and Literacy and Cattle Fair by Kota Srinivasa Pujari, MP and former Minister. D.G. Shanthanagowda, MLA, Honnali, M.R. Manjunath, MLA, Hanur, A. Bannari, MLA, Bhavanisagara, TN, Latha Mallikarjun, MLA, Harapanahalli, A.G. Venkatachalam, MLA, Andiyur, TN, S. Sadashivam, MLA, Mettur, TN, K. Eregowda, President, MyMUL, K.L. Prakasham, President, Sri Basaveshwara Social Trust, Chennai and S. Guruswamy, District President, ABVLMS, Bengaluru, chief guests.

CULTURAL PROGRAMME

- **At Gadduge premises — 7 am:** Nadaswara; **8 am:** Sugama Sangeetha by S.R. Nanjundaswamy and Troupe, Suttur; **9 am:** Bhakti Geete by Sri Mahadeva Swamiji and Troupe, Sri Gurumalleshwara Dasoha Mutt, Chennalinganahalli, Hanur taluk; **1 pm:** Bhakti Geete and Bhavageete by T.C. Somanna & Troupe, Thoravalli, Nanjangud taluk; 2 pm: Bharatanatyam by R. Aishwarya, Bengaluru; **3 pm:** Vachana Gayana by Akkamahadevi Veerashaiva Mahila Sangha, Mangaluru; **4 pm:** Bharatanatyam by Navya Natyasangama, Aravindanagara, Bengaluru; **7 pm:** Mother & Daughters Trio Bharatanatyam by Dr. K. Poornima & her daughters Dr. Prarthana Y. Gowda and Vandana Y. Gowda, Mysuru; **8 pm:** Bharatanatyam by A.S. Cinmayee and Dhruthi, Ayarahalli, Mysuru taluk; **8.30 pm:** Yoga Dance by students of JSS Public School, J.P. Nagar, Mysuru; **9 pm:** 'Janapadave Satya Janapadave Nitya' by Dr. K. Rameshwarappa and Troupe, Ramakrishnanagar, Mysuru.
- **At Bank of River Kapila — 6 pm:** Bhakti Gayana by Ruthvik C. Raj, Singer and A.R. Amulya, ZEE Kannada SaReGaMaPa Singer, Mysuru.
- **At Exhibition premises — 7 pm:** Drama 'Kanoonu Arivu-Neravu' by District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Mysuru.

DRAMAS

- **At Hiriyara Mane premises — 10 pm:** 'Sri Shivarathreeshwara Vijaya' by JSS Kalamantapa, Mysuru.
- **In front of Mangala Mantapa — 10 pm:** 'Dakshayagna' or 'Brughumuniya Garvabhanga' by Sri Benaka Kala Sanga, Benakanahalli, T. Narasipur taluk.
- **Adjacent to School — 10 pm:** 'Bhakta Prahlada' by Sri Mallikarjuna Krupaposhita Sangha, Ukkalagere, T. Narasipur taluk.
- **Behind Guest House — 10 pm:** 'Dakshayagna' or 'Brughumuniya Garvabhanga' by Badanavalu Sri Siddeshwara Krupaposhita Nataka Mandali, Megalakoppalu, T. Narasipura taluk.

SPECIAL PROGRAMMES

- **Daily from 10 am to 9 pm —** • Exhibition of handloom, textiles, handicrafts, home-made products, industrial products, household items, books, art works and exhibition of educational models made by JSS High School students; • Sale of products produced by various institutions, Co-operative Societies, Self-Help Groups, Sthree Shakthi Sanghas and cottage industries; • Health, Medical & Science Exhibitions.
- **Daily from 10 am to 7.30 pm — Krishi Mela:** • Expo of native crops & indigenous livestock of Mysuru; • Demonstration of improved single and pulse crops, variety greens, vegetables & salad crops; • Demo of sugarcane inter-cropping and drip / sprinkler irrigation; • Demo of crops like Balliloka, grafted tomato, brinjal, drumstick, papaya fruits, chakramuni, lemongrass; • Variety flowers show; • One acre 'Agricultural Universe'; • Demo of silk and precision farming; • Demonstration of biochar and organic tools; • Exhibition and sale of agricultural machinery; • Government and private agricultural stalls.
- **Health Check-Up** by specialists from JSS Hospital & free distribution of essential medicines.

Cine stars add colour to Jathra Mahotsava

Actor Daali Dhananjaya being feted by Suttur Seer at Suttur yesterday.

Mysuru, Jan. 18 (BS)- Stars descended on Suttur Srikshetra at Nanjangud taluk in the district yesterday, making the annual religious event colourful. Kannada film actors Daali Dhananjaya, Neenasam Satish and Nagabushan, along with lyricist and music director Vasuki Vaibhav, entertained the gathering by repeating popular dialogues from their movies. The fans who were eager to catch a glimpse of their favourite actors, jostled for space to click a selfie with them.

Support Kannada artistes

Speaking on the occasion, Daali Dhananjaya said, he will be forever grateful to Suttur Mutt, for having educated at its JSS educational institutions and reaching this stage in his life.

"The people of the State should bless Kannada artistes, as I am a votary of encouraging actors coming from underprivileged background. Nothing can be achieved through mere talks, but with unwavering devotion and patience. Carve out a better life, without resorting to conflict. It is easy to provoke others, but not what all we see and hear is true. One should respond only after giving a better thought," said Daali Dhananjaya, in his appeal to youths.

Quoting 12th century social reformer Basavanna, actor Neenasam Satish said, "Basavanna had described all mortals as equal. We should look for God in our elders and children by doing good deeds." Satish rendered the song 'Elu...Elu Madeva Kelu...' from his upcoming film 'The Rise of Ashoka.'

Desi games

Desi games were another major attraction of the day, with slush race, tug-of-war, boulder

lifting competition and sack race with 50-kg bag organised for the rural men. Brothers' duo Mallesh and Mahesh from Udigala village in Chamarajanagar taluk, won first and third prize respectively in stone lifting competition.

Awareness thru art

Medical Expo organised as part of the Jathra, created awareness on keeping good health, especially of kidney, with a touch of art. Puppet Show was staged to educate people on developing a healthy lifestyle and kidney related ailments and treatment.

Most importantly, by keeping a cadaver, the visitors at the exhibition were informed about how the people con gullible persons and steal their kidney.

Rathotsava and Religious Meet

Food and Civil Supplies Minister K.H. Muniyappa, who inaugurated the Rathotsava and Religious Meet, lauded Suttur Mutt for being a beacon of social reforms, by implementing the principles envisaged by Buddha, Basava and Ambedkar.

Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji and Tumakuru Sri Siddaganga Mutt's Sri Shivasiddeshwara Swamiji graced the event.

Congress cadre imitating CM's disrespectful language: Simha

Mysuru, Jan. 18 (BLU&BCT)- Former MP Prathap Simha has launched a sharp attack on Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, alleging that the CM's use of disrespectful language has set a poor example for Congress workers.

Speaking to reporters about the incident in which Shidlaghatta Municipal Commissioner Amrutha Gowda was abused and threatened by Congress leader Rajeev Gowda, Simha said that party cadres tend to mirror the conduct of their leadership.

"If Siddaramaiah himself used dignified language, his party workers would follow suit. But since the Chief Minister speaks lightly and in a demeaning manner, his workers imitate him. As the saying goes, 'yatha raja, tatha praja'," he said.

Simha also referred to an earlier controversy in Mysuru, where Deputy Commissioner C. Shikha was insulted by Siddaramaiah's close associate. He claimed that such incidents reflect a continuing pattern of disrespect within the ruling Congress.

> People of Chamaraja Constituency do not want leaders who create trouble. They want educated representatives who can serve responsibly. Even if someone does not do great favours, creating problems is unacceptable. The people here are educated and expect an educated representative. Former MLA H.S. Shankarlingegowda was a people-friendly leader, while another former MLA, Vasu, was development-oriented. I remember both with respect. The decision on who will contest from Chamaraja rests with the party high command. An aspirant is different from a candidate, yet some people speak as though they are the same.
>
> —Ex-MP Prathap Simha

'Dead governance'

Stepping up his criticism, Simha targeted both Siddaramaiah and Dy.CM D.K. Shivakumar, accusing them of presiding over what he termed "dead governance."

Mocking the leadership, Simha said, "If Siddaramaiah is carrying the corpse of failed governance in front, Shivakumar is carrying it from behind. Whether it is borne forward or backwards, there is no difference."

He further claimed that Shivakumar's continued aspiration for the CM's post only strengthens Siddaramaiah's hold on power. "One truth remains — Siddaramaiah can never become another Devaraj Urs. He will soon fade from people's minds and the day is not far when citizens forget him," he said.

"It was the mistake of the people that brought Congress to power. Now Karnataka must endure two-and-a-half more years of dead governance. This Government will not collapse, but only the person sitting in the chair may change," he said.

Cricket returns to Chinnaswamy Stadium

Govt. nods to hosting international and IPL matches

Bengaluru, Jan. 18 (Agencies)- Finally, after months of uncertainty, the Karnataka State Government has granted permission to Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA) to host international and IPL matches at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru.

The Home Department gave the go-ahead to conduct matches after examining the report submitted by a Government-appointed task force, which found the security enhancement works at the venue satisfactory.

In a press release, KSCA Official Spokesperson Vinay Mruthyunjaya, said, "We are pleased to inform you that the Home Department, Government of Karnataka, has granted permission to the Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA) to host international and IPL matches at the iconic M. Chinnaswamy Stadium, Bengaluru."

"The permission is subject to compliance with specific terms and conditions prescribed by the Government and the concerned authorities. KSCA is confident of fulfilling all the stipulated conditions. The Association has already presented a detailed compliance roadmap before the Expert Review Committee and remains fully committed to implementing all safety, security and crowd-management measures in letter and spirit," he added.

It may be recalled that all cricketing activities at M. Chinnaswamy Stadium was stopped following the death of 11 persons in a stampede during the RCB IPL victory celebrations since June 4 last year. Chinnaswamy Swamy stadium lost on hosting matches in the Maharaja T20, the Women's World Cup and Vijay Hazare Trophy.

Last week, Rajesh Menon, RCB's COO, held a meeting with the Chhattisgarh Chief Minister over the possibility of the Shaheed Veer Narayan Stadium in Raipur staging their home matches in 2026. The MCA Stadium in Pune and the DY Patil Stadium in Navi Mumbai, which has already hosted their matches to packed crowds in three of the four Women's Premier League seasons, are two other venues under consideration. RCB, on Friday last, proposed to install 300-350 AI-enabled cameras for better crowd management, committing to bear a one-time cost of INR 4.5 crore.

KSCA's primary challenge is to ensure all the new safety precautions are in place within the next few weeks. The IPL is set to begin on Mar. 26, with RCB playing the opening game since they are the defending champions. However, the BCCI is yet to announce the tournament schedule or the venue of the season opener as they are awaiting an official confirmation from RCB.

Inno Manthan @ FKCCI conducts outreach programme in city

Mysuru, Jan. 18 (KS)- Inno Manthan @ FKCCI, in association with Government of Karnataka, successfully conducted an outreach programme in city recently, engaging students of four degree colleges in city.

The initiative aimed to foster innovation, entrepreneurship and awareness of emerging opportunities among the youth.

The outreach programme was led by K.J. Pranam, Chairman - Digitalisation and Member of the Manthan Committee - Federation of Karnataka Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FKCCI), who spearheaded the engagement across institutions and guided students on innovation-led thinking and entrepreneurial pathways along with the able assistance and guidance from K.B. Lingaraju, President of Mysore Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI).

The programme was conducted at Maharani Arts College, Maharani's Science College, Maharani's Commerce College and St. Philomena's Degree College. The initiative received an overwhelming response, with over 750 students taking part in outreach programme.

The sessions highlighted the role of FKCCI, under the leadership of FKCCI President Uma Reddy, along with the Government of Karnataka, in strengthening the start-up and innovation ecosystem and supporting young innovators.

Overall, the outreach program was a significant success in Mysore, reflecting strong student engagement and institutional support.

MCCI Hon. Treasurer S.J. Ashok participated in the programme.

Inno Manthan @ FKCCI continues to act as a catalyst in inspiring students and promoting a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship across Karnataka.

WOMEN'S PREMIER LEAGUE

TOMORROW'S MATCH (JAN. 19)

GG Vs **RCB**

Venue : BCA Stadium, Vadodara

Time : 7.30 pm

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

UPW 187/8 (20 overs)
BEAT
MI 165/6 (20 overs)

DC 166 all out (20 overs)
LOST TO
RCB 169/2 (20 overs)

Live action on: **JioHotstar & Star Sports Network**

Sports Day held at Little Angels Montessori

Mysuru, Jan. 18 (KS)- Little Angels Montessori at Bannimantap 'A' Layout, held its annual sports day in city recently.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from children across age groups, as the little angels confidently showcased their physical skills, coordination and team spirit through a series of sporting activities. The cheerful encouragement from parents added to the excitement, creating a truly memorable atmosphere.

The event was graced by Siddesh from NR Traffic Police Station as the Chief Guest, along with Dr. Sultana Jabeen, Principal of Little Angels Montessori and Asma Thahura, Centre Manager.

Addressing the gathering, Siddesh appreciated the school's emphasis on holistic development and said,

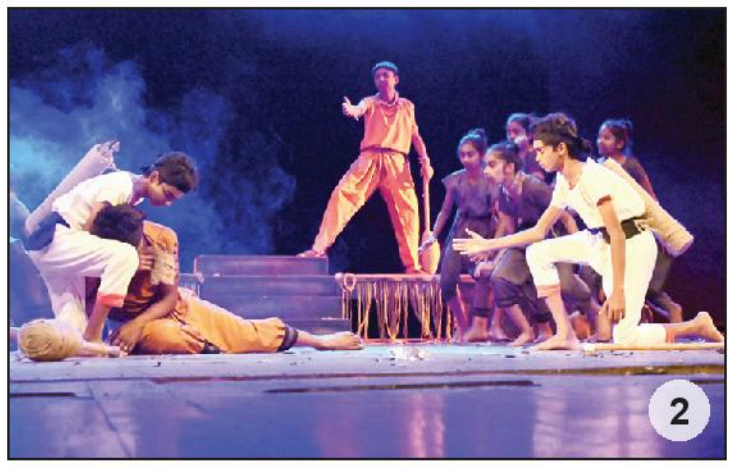
"Introducing children to sports at an early age builds discipline, confidence and respect for teamwork—values that stay with them for life," he said.

Dr. Sultana Jabeen said, "At Little Angels Montessori, we believe that learning goes beyond classrooms. Sports play a vital role in nurturing healthy, happy and confident children."

Asma Thahura said, "Synergy Sports Day is not just about games—it's about participation, encouragement and creating joyful childhood memories for our children and parents alike."

The event concluded on a high note with smiles, applause and proud moments for parents and teachers, reinforcing the school's commitment to balanced and child-centric education.

Plays, folk songs feast at Bahuroopi

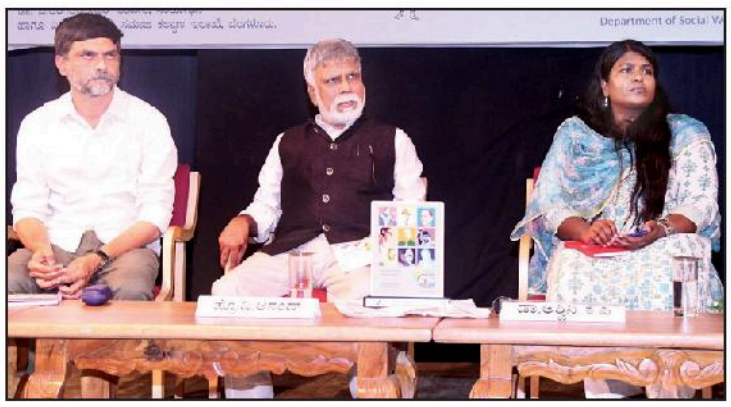


Pic. 1: ***Singer Pichalli Srinivas and troupe, Dalita Kalamandali, Malur, presenting a musical narrative of Baba Saheb at Bahuroopi Janapada Utsava at Kindarijogi premises in Kalamandira yesterday.***

Pic. 2: ***Students of Aalam Theatre Group, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, staging the Tamil play 'Kishkinda' as part of Children's Bahuroopi at Kalamandira yesterday. The play written by Rejith V. Chandu is directed by Sreekanth Sankar.***

Pic. 3: ***Artistes of Payana Rangatanda, Bengaluru staging the play 'Kaledu Hoda Hadu' at Kirurangamandira as part of Bahuroopi National Theatre Festival, yesterday. The play based on the experiences of Payana artistes was adapted to theatre by Dadapeer Jaiman and was directed by N. Mangala.***

'Right-wing NRIs continue to discriminate among castes'



FROM LEFT: ***Activist Dr. H.V. Vasu, Dr. D. Anand and K.P. Ashwini participating in a seminar at Bahuroopi Baba Saheb National Theatre Festival in Rangayana, Mysuru, yesterday.***

Mysuru, Jan. 18 (PM&VNS)- 'The rightists and Hindutva proponents among the Non-Resident Indians (NRI), still continue to discriminate among castes," rued K.P. Ashwini, Special Rapporteur on Contemporary forms of Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance, United Nations Human Rights Council.

She was speaking on the topic 'Eradication of Social Discrimination at Global and Local: Issues and Challenges' at the two-day national seminar, organised as part of Bahuroopi Baba Saheb National Theatre Festival at Kirurangamandira in Kalamandira premises yesterday. Ashwini said that as Baba Saheb said, Hindus carried the caste tag where ever they travelled, similarly caste discrimination is continued even to this day in foreign countries.

"There have been protests to include stringent action against caste discrimination even in the United Kingdom. Even at USA, a survey is being conducted from the past two years to document different practices of caste discrimination," she added.

In the State of California, a law was tabled against caste discrimination for discussion. However, the right wing Indians and Hindutva proponents protested against the proposed law and used money power and other resources to ensure the Bill was not passed, she said adding that Baba Saheb, during 1946 had written a letter to activist W.E.B. Du Bois in an effort to find a solution to caste discrimination at international level.

"In 1960, the cases of caste discrimination had increased during which the United Nations had thought about a law to curb discrimination following which a draft Bill was also prepared to eradicate caste discrimination for which many countries extended their support. The then UN diplomat from India K.C. Pant had signed the proposed Bill noting that the Dalit communities in India were subjected to caste discrimination. However, none of the international laws do not mention about any caste," she added.

Stating that the activists and thinkers need to protest in this regard, Ashwini added that not just the present Government, the Governments for 40 years have not shown interest to discuss on caste discrimination at international forums.

Later, Dr. H.V. Vasu, activist, Jagrutha Karnataka, Bengaluru, presented a talk on 'Constitution as a symbol of resistance against fascism'.

Dr. D. Anand, Department of Studies in Business Administration, University of Mysore and Prof. R. Indira, Senior Sociologist, Mysuru, chaired the sessions.

Bahuroopi Baba Saheb

25th National Theatre Festival at Rangayana

EVENTS TODAY (JAN. 18)

PLAY at Bhoomigeeta

6.30 pm : Staging of play 'Kavan an Ambedkarite Opera' (Hindi); 125 minutes; Playwright: Sudhesh Jadhav; Direction: Abhishek Majumdar; Group: Yalgar Sanskrutik Manch and Nalanda Arts Studio, Mumbai.

PLAY at Vanaranga

7 pm : Staging of play 'Rumu Rumu Rumu' (Kannada); 75 minutes; Playwright: Shradharaj, B.K. Narasimharaju; Director: H.R. Shradharaj; Group: Jiguru Academy of Performing Arts, Tumakuru.

MUSICAL NARRATIVE at Kalamandira

7 pm : Musical Narrative of Baba Saheb - Punjab Singer Ginni Mahi and troupe. Dr. Nagalakshmi Choudhary, Chairperson, Karnataka State Commission for Women, Bengaluru, inaugurates. Dr. Nellukunte Venkateshaiah, Personal Secretary for the Chief Minister, chief guest. L.N. Mukundaraj, Chairman, Karnataka Sahitya Academy, Bengaluru, presides. Satish Tiptur, Director, Rangayana Mysuru and Dr. M.D. Sudarshan, Dy. Director, Rangayana Mysuru, will be present.

DAILY Feature

- Folk Performances at Kindarijogi premises
- Book Exhibition
- Handicrafts Exhibition & Demonstration
- Desi Food Festival
- Painting Exhibition
- Discount sale of books published by Prasaranga, University of Mysore.

SINGLE SCREEN THEATRES

- **Sangam Theatre** **Ph: 2520494**
  Mark (K) - 5 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** **Ph: 2521923**
  Thalaivar Thambi Thalaimaiyil (Ta) - *4 Shows*
- **Woodlands Theatre** **Ph: 2422871**
  Mana Shankara Vara Prasad Garu (Te) - 3 Shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** **Mob: 99008-20093**

- **Gayathri Theatre** **Ph: 2443568**
  Teertharoopa Tandeyavarige (K) - 4 Shows
- **Prabha Theatre** **Mob: 98454-14691**
  Bharathi Teacher (K) - 2 Shows; *Surya: Power of Love (K)* - 2 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** **Ph: 2420885**
  The Devil (K) - 4 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** **Ph: 2423554**
  Vaa Vaathiyaar (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** **Mob: 98863-25207**
  Surya (K) - 3 Shows

MOVIES AT DRC CINEMAS Ph: 4240422 4241800

Mana Shankara Vara Prasad Garu (Te)	(S-1)	10.50 am
	(S-4)	3.45 pm, 7 pm, 10.15 pm
Avatar Fire & Ash (E-3D)	(S-1)	2.10 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	(S-1)	6.05 pm, 10.10 pm
	(S-4)	11.45 am
Thalaivar Thambi Thalaimaiyil (Ta)	(S-2)	11 am
Vaa Vaathiyaar (Ta)	(S-2)	1.30 pm
Theertharoopa Tandeyavarige (K)	(S-2)	4.15 pm
Happy Patel: Khatarnak Jasoos (H)	(S-2)	7.20 pm, 9.55 pm
Sarvam Maya (Ma)	(S-3)	10 am
Mark (K)	(S-3)	1 pm
Anaganaga Oka Raju (Te)	(S-3)	4 pm, 7.10 pm
28 Years Later The Bone Temple (E)	(S-3)	10.15 pm

MOVIES AT MYSURU VISION CINEMAS Ph: 2973519

The Raja Saab (K)	:	1.15 pm, 7.45 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	1.30 pm, 7.30 pm
Mark (K)	:	1.30 pm, 7.15 pm
Surya: Power of Love (K)	:	1.30 pm
Avatar: Fire and Ash (K)	:	4 pm, 7.45 pm
Maazar (K)	:	4.30 pm
Vaa Vaathiyaar (Ta)	:	4.45 pm

MOVIES AT NEXUS MALL

Nari Nari Naduma Murari (Te)	:	8.50 am, 7.25 pm
Anaganaga Oka Raju (Te)	:	9.15 am, 4 pm
Mana Shankara Vara Prasad Garu (Te)	:	9.55 am, 1.05 pm, 3.10 pm
		6.40 pm, 10.30 pm
Vaa Vaathiyaar (Ta)	:	10.20 am, 7.05 pm
Happy Patel: Khatarnak Jasoos (H)	:	11 am, 1.15 pm
		4.05 pm, 7.55 pm
Bhartha Mahasayulaku Wignyapthi (Te)	:	11.45 am, 4.25 pm, 10.20 pm
Parasakthi (Ta)	:	11.50 am
The Raja Saab (Te)	:	12.20 pm
The Raja Saab (K)	:	6.30 pm
Thalaivar Thambi Thalaimaiyil (Ta)	:	1.35 pm
Greenland 2: Migration (E)	:	2.45 pm, 8.05 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	3.50 pm, 10 pm
Mark (K)	:	5 pm
Band Baaja Baaraat (H)	:	9.50 pm
28 Years Later: The Bone Temple (E)	:	10.10 pm
Avatar: Fire and Ash (E-3D)	:	10.25 pm

MOVIES AT GARUDA MALL

Mana Shankara Vara Prasad Garu (Te)	:	9.25 am, 1 pm, 3.50, 10.30 pm
Vaa Vaathiyaar (Ta)	:	10.15 am, 4.20 pm
Happy Patel: Khatarnak Jasoos (H)	:	11.05 am, 4.40 pm, 10.10 pm
The Raja Saab (Te)	:	11.15 am
Anaganaga Oka Raju (Te)	:	12.45 pm, 7.05 pm
Nari Nari Naduma Murari (Te)	:	1.40 pm, 10.20 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	2.55 pm, 10 pm
Bhartha Mahasayulaku Wignyapthi (Te)	:	7 pm
Parasakthi (Ta)	:	7.10 pm
Mark (K)	:	7.15 pm

EVENTS TODAY (JAN. 18)

- **Jagannatha Centre For Art And Culture (JCAC), Mysuru:** Uttarayana - A celebration of art and culture, 'Girish Doshi - A life in architecture' — Exhibition of Girish Doshi's works, **up to 7 pm;** Talk by architect Girish Doshi, JCAC, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **4.30 pm.** [Mob: 78990-33303]
- **Jagannatha Centre For Art And Culture (JCAC), Mysuru and Association of Visual Artists (AVA):** Mysore Chitra Santhe, JCAC premises, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **up to 8 pm.** [Mob: 98454-18843]
- **Panchagarudotsava Seva Samithi:** Inauguration of Garuda Sabha and Dwadasha Garudotsava, Sports Complex of Mahajana Education Society, Jayalakshmipuram, **4.05 pm.**
- **Ranjani Memorial Trust:** 16th concert under 'Ninaada Gruha Sangeetha' series, Hindustani classical vocal concert by Koushik Aithal of Bengaluru, accompanied by Sumith Naik on tabla and H. Prasad Kamath on harmonium, #37, 'Ninaada,' Rishabh Siddhi Layout, Kergalli, Mysuru, **6 pm.** [Mob: 94496-76014]
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru:** Swami Jnanayoganandaji speaks on 'Sri Ramakrishna Vachanaveda' in Kannada, Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**
- **Children's Literary Club:** Programme 'Learning Beyond Syllabus - Part 2' by Dr. R. Purnima, formerly Professor of English, KSOU, presently Director, Children's Literary Club, Rangarao Memorial Residential School for the Differently Abled Girl Students, **6 pm.**
- **Ganabharathi:** Kashi Sundaradasa Memorial Mouni Amavasya Music Concert - Haridasa Kritis by Vidu. Suneetha Hiremath, accompanied by Pt. Ramesh Dannur on tabla and Pt. Veerabhadraiah Hiremath on harmonium, Ganabharathi Veene Seshanna Bhavana, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm.**
- **Natana School of Theatre Arts:** Staging of play 'Kamsaayana' by Tara Arena Theatre Club, written by Dr. H.S. Venkateshamurthy, directed by Sunil Kumar Singh, Natana, Ramakrishnanagar, **6.30 pm.** [Mob: 99801-43409]
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, **(3 Shows) 7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JAN. 19)

- **Shri Kshethra Dharmasthala Rural Development Project (SKDRDP) B.C. Trust, Mysuru Taluk, Mandi Mohalla Zone and Mass Sri Satyanarayanaswamy Puja Samiti Swa-Sahaya Sanghagala Okkuta:** Mass Sri Satyanarayanaswamy Puja, **8.30 am;** Religious Meet, MLA Tanveer Sait inaugurates, MLA T.S. Srivatsa presides, **11 am;** Annasantarpane, **1.30 pm;** Cultural programmes, Rajagopal Rao Rashinkar Kalyana Mantapa, near Old Milk Dairy, Nazarbad, **1.30 pm.**
- **Jagannatha Centre For Art And Culture (JCAC), Mysuru:** Uttarayana - A celebration of art and culture, 'Girish Doshi - A life in architecture' — Exhibition of Girish Doshi's works, JCAC premises, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **10 am to 7 pm.** [Mob: 78990-33303]
- **Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha and Pitilu Mysore T. Chowdiah Samsmarana Vedike:** Conferring of 'Dhanur Vainika Brahma' Award on noted violinist Dr. Mysore M. Manjunath, Sri Nirmalanandanatha Swamiji of Sri Adichunchanagiri Mutt graces the occasion, Violin Duet by Dr. Mysore Manjunath and Vid. Sumanth Manjunath, accompanied by Vid. K.U. Jayachandra Rao on mridanga and Vid. G. Guruprasanna on kanjira, Nadabrahma Sabha premises, JLB Road, **6 pm.**

MOVIES AT MALL OF MYSORE

Mana Shankara Vara Prasad Garu (Te)	:	9.30 am, 3.50 pm
		7.10 pm 10.30 pm
Mark (K)	:	10 am
Anaganaga Oka Raju (Te)	:	11 am, 7.15 pm
Bhartha Mahasayulaku Wignyapthi (Te)	:	12.50 pm
The Raja Saab (K)	:	1 pm
Vaa Vaathiyaar (Ta)	:	2.05 pm, 10.20 pm
Thalaivar Thambi Thalaimaiyil (Ta)	:	4.40 pm
28 Years Later: The Bone Temple (E)	:	4.50 pm
Happy Patel: Khatarnak Jasoos (H)	:	7.10 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	9.45 pm

MOVIES AT CENTRO MALL

Nari Nari Naduma Murari (Te)	:	9.50 am, 7.20 pm
Mana Shankara Vara Prasad Garu (Te)	:	10.05 am, 12.50 pm, 4 pm
		7.10 pm, 10.30 pm
Vaa Vaathiyaar (Ta)	:	10.10 am, 4.45 pm
Maazar (K)	:	10.55 am
Teertharoopa Tandeyavarige (K)	:	12.55 pm
Surya: Power of Love (K)	:	1.15 pm
Parasakthi (Ta)	:	1.25 pm, 10.20 pm
Anaganaga Oka Raju (Te)	:	4 pm, 7.05 pm
Bhartha Mahasayulaku Wignyapthi (Te)	:	4.10 pm
Thalaivar Thambi Thalaimaiyil (Ta)	:	7.30 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	10 pm
The Raja Saab (Te)	:	10.10 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

Cultural exchange programme

Mysuru, Jan. 18- The Indian Institute of Educational Theatre (IIET), Mysuru, is organising an international cultural exchange programme in collaboration with the Theatre Action Group (TAG), Jaffna, Sri Lanka, tomorrow (Jan. 19) at 5 pm at the Hardwicke School premises on JLB Road in Mysuru.

This programme aims to promote artistic dialogue and mutual learning between theatre practitioners from India and Sri Lanka, highlighting theatre as a medium for cultural understanding, education and social reflection. It brings together two theatre groups dedicated to community engagement and meaningful artistic practice.

A major highlight of the event will be 'Manteswamy Kavya,' presented by Dr. Gururaj and his team, showcasing Karnataka's rich folk and narrative traditions through a blend of storytelling, music and theatrical performance.

The TAG team from Jaffna will present a theatre demonstration reflecting their unique performance practices rooted in the cultural and social realities of Sri Lanka's northern region. Their presentation will offer audiences valuable insights into alternative theatre methodologies and cross-cultural perspectives.

The programme will also feature an interactive session, allowing theatre practitioners, students, educators and audiences to engage directly with both teams, exchange ideas and explore possibilities for future collaboration.

Theatre Action Group (TAG), a Tamil theatre organisation founded in the mid-1980s by Dr. K. Sithamparanathan, works for progressive social change through theatre. Actively engaged in community performances, education and intercultural exchanges, TAG strengthens its mission through sustained practice and cultural collaboration across Sri Lanka and South India.

IIET invites theatre artistes, students, educators and the general public to attend this enriching cultural evening that celebrates diversity, shared heritage and the unifying power of theatre.

For more information, contact Mob: 98456-05012.

LALITHA JEWELLERY MART
The Original
Mysuru's Trusted Jeweller
SILVER RATE
Rs. 2,87,000/-
SINCE 1956
Ashoka Road, Mysore
0821-2442797 / 2525891

SITE FOR SALE
50x80
EAST FACE
OFF PARK
at K C Layout
Call : 93433 61548

WANTED
A Trading Co., in Mysore Requires
MARKETING EXECUTIVES
Field work only.
Interested candidates can call:
Ph: 9980255772
raghavendrastationeries@gmail.com

SHOP FOR RENT AT MAIN ROAD
In Ashoka Road,
Ground Floor 500 sqft.,
First Floor 900 Sqft.,
Towards Palace Line.
Ph: 09341844191

Available
Indian Teakwood Round Log's
Available In Medium and High Girth
Premium Quality, High Oil Content
Length of Log Upto 35ft
THE SHARIFF INDUSTRIES AND SAWMILL
33, New Baboo Bazar, Mysore
8884638771

OLD HOUSE FOR SALE
40'x83.25', North Facing,
Old House for Sale at
5th Cross, Paduvana Road,
Kuvempunagar,
near Kavitha Bakery.
Contact:
MYSORE ESTATES
Vishwanath Gowda
Mob: 95909-11111

PRIME 40x60 NORTH-FACING PLOT FOR SALE !
Karle Habitat, Dattagalli
Gated Community | Premium Location
Size: 40x60 (2400 sq.ft.)
Orientation: North Facing
Status: Ready for Construction & Ready-for-Registration
Call : 88677 70007
SIRI PROPERTIES

THE BEST QUALITY WATER PROOF Plywood

9148991267 | 9901291267

WANTED B.A., B.Ed (English)
SUNANDHA Academy School
Whats app
9900772235

SITE FOR SALE
30×40 Muda Alloted, East Facing Site For Sale at Vijaya Nagar 4th Stage, 2nd Phace.
Price: 1.15 Cr Negociable
80% White Money Needed
Mob: 91485-69616

ONLY ONE WAY **TAXI CHARGE**
MYSORE to BANGALORE
City drop or Pick up
BANGALORE to MYSORE Airport drop or Pick up
MYSURU
9611177599

SITES FOR SALE
40x60, N/F, 60 Ft Road,
near Adhyayan School,
Shakthinagar,
Dr. Rajkumar Road, Mysore.
30x50, W/F,
Shobha Estate,
Gated Community, T.N. Pura road, Mysore. Contact:
9980146480 / 8050420237

FOR SALE
Wholesale & Retail Sale
Fancy Store
Tailoring, Gift, Fancy Plastic Items at Hunsur - Mysore road, Hinkal main road, Near Ganapathy Temple.
Call: 9243580623

KODAGU MODEL SCHOOL, MYSURU
Promoted by : Sri Kavery Kodava Association ® Mysore East
CA-4, Kaveri Road, Vidyashankar Nagar, Mysuru - 570029

Invites Applications for the following posts

Post	Qualification
• English /Social	BA/MA B.Ed
• Physics/Mathematics	B.Sc/M.Sc B.Ed
• Primary Teacher	B.Sc/B.A,D.Ed
• Physical Education Teacher	B.P.Ed
• Admin Assistant	B Com with MS Office & Tally Experience(MS Word, MS Excel)

Interested Candidates with Good English Communication Skills and Teaching experience can mail your resumes to: **kodagums7004@gmail.com** on or before 24th January 2026 or Contact -6363647704. Web: http://www.kodagumodelschool.in

ESHWAR VIDYALAYA
(Affiliated to CBSE) Affl No:-830544
Survey No;-32/2, Off to T. Narsipura
Main road Choranahalli, Mysore-570010

TEACHERS WANTED
- Kannada B.A / M.A., B. Ed
- English B.A. / M.A in English & B. Ed
- Science B.Sc / M.Sc., B. Ed (CBZ)
- Kindergarten Teacher- Any Degree with Montessori Training / NTT
- Skill Subject Instructor- Diploma / ITI / Engineering, Relevant technical expertise

Admissions are open for Classes Nursery to Grade 10 for the Year 2026-27

Transport facility available for teachers

Contact :-+91 8762788533, +91 7411070266
Email ID :- principaleshwar@gmail.com

WANTED
RESIDENT MANAGER
20,000 PER MONTH /
ENGLISH / HINDI / KANNADA
ROOM WITH KITCHEN
PROVIDED FOR MYSORE
HEBBAL AREA / WOODEN
PACKING CASE UNIT /
SCOOTER / TALLY
KNOWLEDGE / 100 PER DAY
FOOD BATA
7560909832
7034612154

DIPLOMA IN STUDENT COUNSELLING PSYCHOLOGY (9th batch)
Understand children better and help them deal with their emotional issues. Become a Certified Student Counsellor and apply for jobs. ONLINE course on Zoom from 20 Jan
- Once a week sessions
- Tuesday 11 am to 1:00 pm
- Video recordings
- 6 months
- Assignment based
- PDF Notes

WhatsApp : 98860 44221 / 83108 19029
www.darwinpsychologycentre.com

St. THOMAS INSTITUTIONS
Vishweshwaranagar, Mysore

Experienced candidates can apply for the following posts

Posts	Qualification
Pre Primary (Kindergarten)	Any Degree with NTT, NST, PPT/ Montessori Training
Primary & Upper Primary (I-VII) (English, Hindi, Mathematics, Science & Social Science)	B.A, B.Ed / B.Sc, B.Ed
High School (VIII-X) Hindi & Social Science	M.A, B.Ed.
Senior Secondary (CBSE-XI – XII) Political Science, Accountancy & Economics.	M.A, B.Ed / M.Com, B.Ed
Physical Education	D.P.Ed / B.P.Ed / M.P.Ed
Computer Science	B.C.A / M.C.A
Art & Craft	Degree/Diploma in Fine Arts / Visual Arts / Craft
Counsellor	M.A / M.Sc. in Psychology or Guidance & Counselling with relevant experience.
Music Teacher	Degree / Diploma in Music with teaching experience preferred.

- Eligible candidates can forward resume to the given E mail ID **marthomaeducationsociety@gmail.com** on or before 22.01.2026.
- The shortlisted candidates will be informed for the interview on 25.01.2026 (Sunday) @ 11.00 am

For more details please contact :
Call : 0821-2481932 / 2482900 / 2481933
Mobile : 99641 49158

FOR SALE
40,000 sq ft land located adjacent to Thumbala Gramthana, very close to Pavana Resort, in the amidst of fast-developing area.
No BROKERS.
Quote best price per sq ft.
OUTRIGHT SALE – 40,000 sq ft land near Thumbala Gramthana, close to Pavana Resort & fast Developing area.
Interested parties may quote their best price per sq ft.
Location map is given.
https://www.google.com/maps?q=12.2716917,76.8510438&z=17&hl=en

Contact for details:
9164699936 / 9482016942

Loans
1. **Housing Loan** (Construction/ Purchase of House and Flats, Repairs and Renovation)
2. **Balance Transfer** / Takeover from other Banks / Financial institutions
3. **Composite Loan** (Land + Construction)
4. **Plot Loans**
5. **Mortgage Loan**
6. **Loans for Commercial Properties** (We provide Loans for All type of Khatha)

Address and Contact details
SHRI SAI FINANCIAL SERVICES
No.2780, Railway Gate Road,
K G Koppal, Mysore-570009.
8884447314, 8884447318
0821-3554197

STG PUBLIC SCHOOL
SCHOOL WITH A DIFFERENCE
AFFILIATION NO: 830836

STEP AHEAD IN YOUR TEACHING CAREER WITH AN OPPORTUNITY AT STG PUBLIC SCHOOL

We are looking for enthusiastic and creative teachers for the following positions.

SECTION	SUBJECT	QUALIFICATION
Primary School	Mathematics	B.Sc, B.Ed.
	EVS	B.Sc, B.Ed.
	English	MA, B.Ed. / D.Ed.
	Physical Education Teacher (Lady candidate only)	B.P.Ed., or M.P.Ed
Kindergarten	Nursery / Montessori Teacher	Graduates / Diploma holders in MTT, NTT, or ECE

send your resume to **info@stgpublicschool.com** along with a passport size photograph within **26th Jan 2026.**

TRANSPORTATION
will be given to the deserving candidates.

Proficiency in **English** and **knowledge of computers** is a prerequisite.
Only short listed candidates will be called for the INTERVIEW

FOR QUERIES CALL : 9108481695

Chinakurali, Pandavapura Taluk, Mandya - 571455
www.stgpublicschool.com

Printed by T.S. Gopinath and published by M. Govinde Gowda on behalf of Academy Newspapers Private Limited at Academy Newspapers Private Limited, 15-C, Industrial 'A' Layout, Bannimantap, Mysuru-570 015. Editor: M. Govinde Gowda. Phone: 2496520 / 2496521 / 2496522 / 2496523 / 2496526 / 2496527 / 2496528. City offices: Visveshwaraya Building, III Floor, K.R. CIRCLE, Mysuru-570 001, Phone : 2431774 and No. 114, D.Devaraj Urs Road, Mysuru-570 001, Phone : 2428695, E-mail address: voice@starofmysore.com, For Advertisements: ad@starofmysore.com, RNI Reg. No. 29894/78.